

## The Board of County Commissioners Of Riley County, Kansas

The Regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners met at the Riley County Office Building this 29<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2001 with the following members present: Russ Frey, Chairman; Bob Newsome, Vice Chairman; Alvan Johnson, Member; and Rich Vargo, County Clerk.

### **8:30 Public Comment**

Cecil Eyestone; Alan and Sharon Clark; Kelly Briggs; Alvin Williams; Chuck Bramhall; and Stan Morgan, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services, attended.

Eyestone requested the use of the center and north side of the lot, west of the Courthouse Plaza, May 5, 2001 – October 27, 2001 from 6:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. for the Farmers Market.

Bramhall discussed options for the Konza Water District System Improvements. Bramhall discussed possible grant funding or low interest loans for failing water systems.

Morgan discussed K.S.A. 12-187 regarding county wide retailers' sales tax for infrastructure or economic development.

### **9:00 Business Meeting**

Rondy Haug; Stan Morgan, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; and Jon Brake, Free Press, attended.

Newsome moved to approve the purchase and installation of four ceiling fans for the Treasurer's Office in the amount of \$1,500.00 to be paid from the County Building fund. Johnson seconded. Carried 3-0.

Newsom moved to approve the Tarrax Water Benefit District Emergency Water Supply Plan. Johnson seconded. Carried 3 -0.

Discussion followed on the rates for water usage for benefit districts.

### **9:30 Press Conference**

Stan Morgan, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Sam Schmidt, Appraiser; Cheryl Collins, Museum Curator; Eileen King, Treasurer; Abby Bleck, TV 6; Steve Foreman, KMAN; Chris Castle, Manhattan Mercury; Janet Dean, Human Resources/Legal Coordinator; and Doug Messer, Assistant Chief Riley County Fire District #1, attended.

C. Collins invited everyone to attend the Riley County Historical Society Quarterly Dinner meeting Wednesday, January 31, 2001 at the Trinity Presbyterian Church. The program is "Kansas: A Cornucopia of Adventure" by Marilyn and Bob Johnson.

C. Collins said the Museum Department accomplishments in 2000 include: 1) a Kansas Museums Association Award of Excellence for the exhibit "Life at the Turn of the Century: 1900 Revisited", 2) the publishing of "Land Grant Ladies: The Kansas State University Presidential Wives" by Dr. Michaeline Chance-Reay, 3) partnering with Jeri Garretson in the publication of "Parades and Past-times, Play and Picnics: Fifty Years of Good Times In and Around Manhattan 1880-1930", and 4) working as a partner in Project Impact.

King reported the Treasurer's Office accomplishments in 2000: 1) completion of the remodeling of the Treasurer's Office, 2) allowing taxpayers various options for tax payments by (a) online payment, (b) escrow or (c) monthly for delinquent taxes and (d) by Discover card.

Frey presented Years of Service Certificate to Eileen King, 15 years and Doug Messer, 5 years.

Vargo announced the voter registration books close February 12, 2001 for the February 27, 2001 Primary Election.

Schmidt discussed the evaluation process for next year. Schmidt said approximately 35%, \$886,000,000.00 in property in Riley County is exempt.

Schmidt said change of value notice will be mailed the first of March.

Johnson moved to approve the minutes of January 25, 2001 as amended. Newsome seconded. Carried 2 - 0. Frey abstained.

**10:15 Linda Graham, Court Trustee and Becky Topliff, Court Administrator**

Stan Morgan, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Corey Swisher, Budget and Finance Officer; and Eileen King, Treasurer, attended.

Graham discussed the Court Trustee Department's options to meet their 2001 budget and cash expenditures.

**PROPOSAL - PART A**

- I. Trustee Profits put into Riley County General Fund: \$124,133.55 from 1980 to 1993
  - II. Current Revenues: \$113,290.85 in 2000 a 13% increase from 1999 even with the Kansas Payment Center errors.
  - III. Salaries, Benefits, and Expenses of Trustee's Office in 2000: \$146,827.02
  - IV. Proposal for Budget Adjustments to Expenditures:
    - A. Freezing salaries
    - B. Cut receptionist to 15 hours per week maximum
    - C. Cut expenditures:
      1. Terminate answering machine service
      2. Reduce postage - no certified mail to military
      3. Once we are moved to the HTX Building:
        - a. Terminate Flinthills Internet service
        - b. No longer have mileage costs to and from the Courthouse, County Offices, Charlson & Wilson, Post Office, etc.
      4. No new computer hardware purchases or upgrades
- Total Proposed Decrease to Expenditures: \$7,456.00**

- V. Proposal for Budget Adjustments to Revenue :
- A. Items to increase revenues:
1. Reviset time management to maximize income producing activities.
  2. Divorce Workshop
- Total Proposed Increase to Revenues: \$8,000.00**

**PROPOSAL –PART B**

The hybrid nature of the Trustee's Office can create questions and uncertainty between State and County as to our duties and responsibilities. The Trustee's Office is seeking understanding and clarification of these problems, and wishes to work on resolving them.

Proposal Regarding Clarification of Trustee's Office Duties and Responsibilities :

- I. Meetings with Stan Morgan and Linda Graham (also, Judge Miller, Becky Topliff, Riley County Commissioners if they wish to attend) to discuss the issues within Carla Stovall's Opinion:
  - A. Identify unclear portions needing resolution.
  - B. Identify issues that are clearly stated by Stovall, but are still questioned by Stan Morgan.
  - C. Goal: To clarify and resolve issues of duties and responsibilities, as to whether they are State or County structures.
- II. Timeline for accomplishing these objectives; October 31, 2001.

Discussion followed on Social Rehabilitation Services contracting 4D cases for child support.

Morgan said he will review the process for selecting the contractor for the 4D cases for child support.

**10:58** Harden reported Kansas Department of Transportation funded Riley County economic development grant application for \$150,000.00 for the bridge improvements on Wildcat Creek Road. The project will be funded in 2004. The total cost of the improvement is estimated to be \$582,000.00.

Newsom moved to authorize Harden, to sign the Kansas Department of Transportation Concurrence Letter, for the Wildcat Creek Bridge Grant in the amount of \$150,000.00. Johnson seconded. Carried 3 -0.

**11:05 Approve Vouchers**

The Board of County Commissioners reviewed vouchers.

**12:00 Intergovernmental Luncheon**

**1:30 Stan Morgan, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services ; Roger Edgar and Dave Arteberry, George K. Baum and Company**

**• Administrative Work Session**

Corey Swisher, Budget and Finance Officer; Jon Brake, Free Press; Monty Wedel, Director of Planning and Development; Charlotte Shawver, Register of Deeds; Jan Kruh, League of Women Voters; Dennis Peterson, Director of Noxious Weed; Pat Collins, Director of Emergency Management; and Rod Meredith, Assistant Director of Public Works/Parks Director, attended.

Edgar discussed financing the following County projects:

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| 1.) Building Renovation          | \$5,000,000.00         |
| 2.) Plaza East Purchase Price    | \$500,000.00           |
| 3.) New Shop Project             | \$3,000,000.00         |
| 4.) Industrial Development Park  | \$200,000.00           |
| 5.) Road & Bridge Infrastructure | \$16,000,000.00        |
| 6.) Other CIP Projects           | \$450,000.00           |
| Total                            | <u>\$25,150,000.00</u> |

Edgar stated sources of revenue can be from Federal, State sources (grants) or local sales or property taxes.

Edgar suggested setting priorities for the capital projects and assess how to fund the projects.

**3:00 Dan Harden, Director of Public Works/County Engineer**

Stan Morgan, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; Jill Ward, Administrative Assistant; Dennis Peterson, Director of Noxious Weed; and Jan Kruh, League of Women Voters, attended.

Discussion followed on the rates for water and sewer benefit districts.

**3:20 Stan Morgan, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; and Dennis Peterson, Director of Noxious Weed**

- **Discuss Big Lakes Regional Council**

Jan Kruh, League of Women Voters, attended.

Discussion followed on Big Lakes Regional Council and the administration of the Regional Household Hazardous Waste Program .

Newsome moved to instruct Morgan to consult with local legislators to enable legislation to authorize Riley County to request voter approval up to one-half cent sales tax for financing economic development initiatives or public infrastructure projects.

Johnson seconded. Carried 3 -0.

Morgan discussed funding video conferencing between the District Court and the Law Enforcement Center.

Johnson moved to place on the business meeting agenda an action on the Purchase Authorization for Video Conferencing Arrangement between the District Court and the Law Enforcement Center. Newsome seconded. Carried 3 -0.

Morgan reported the Judge appointed the Mercy Community Foundation as the successor to the Clarice Painter Estate Trust Funds.

Johnson moved to approve the warrant vouchers for January 31, 2001.

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| County General                         | \$1,810,142.59        |
| Court Trustee Operations               | 485.25                |
| Project Impact                         | 862.93                |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dist Juvenile Serv    | 1,386.21              |
| Juvenile Intake Case Mgr               | 4,873.57              |
| School Resource Grant                  | 1,643.01              |
| Riley Co. Juvenile Service             | 3,620.79              |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> Jud Dist Surveillance | 2,071.50              |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jud Dist Adult Serv   | 1,075.58              |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> Jud Dist Teen Court   | 98.08                 |
| Comm Plan Grt/Implementat              | 62.82                 |
| Law Enforcement Center                 | 57,245.52             |
| Riley Co Adult Services                | 5,864.34              |
| Capital Improvements Fund              | 5,835.78              |
| Emergency 911                          | 23,230.27             |
| Economic Development                   | 35,000.00             |
| Workers Compensation Rsrv              | 4,524.06              |
| Solid Waste                            | 73,070.60             |
| County Building                        | 2,077.00              |
| Landfill Closure                       | 524.86                |
| Riley Co Fire Dist #1                  | 5,007.43              |
| University Park W&S                    | 2,533.56              |
| Hunters Island Water Dist              | 1,274.23              |
| Tatarrax Hills W&S                     | 25.82                 |
| Deep Creek Sewer                       | 191.28                |
| Moehlman Bottoms                       | 835.06                |
| Valleywood Operations                  | 1,867.58              |
| Terra Heights Sewer                    | 78.02                 |
| Barnes Road Water Dist                 | 211.73                |
| <b>TOTAL.....</b>                      | <b>\$2,045,719.49</b> |

Newsome seconded. Carried 3 -0.

The Board of County Commissioners have approved and signed Escapes and Abates for January, tax year 2000.

**4:12** Newsome moved to adjourn. Johnson seconded. Carried 3 -0.